



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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February 21, 2013

The Honorable Lacy E. Putney
General Assembly Building
Room 947
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch
General Assembly Building
Room 626
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chairman Putney and Chairman Stosch,

We are writing to urge the budget conferees to support the Senate language for Medicaid expansion. The Senate language provides the appropriate safeguards that insist on state flexibility and robust reforms, as well as assurances that the promised Federal match remains.

The House language, however, presents significant hurdles to expansion that will result in a delay of 18 months at a loss of \$3 billion to our economy. Virginia's hospitals, clinics and physician offices will feel the direct impact, of which could be devastating to many jobs. In addition, taxpayers will still have to pay for other states expansion without any benefit to our economy. Finally, there are nearly 300,000 poor uninsured Virginians that are counting on Medicaid expansion that should not have to unnecessarily wait those 18 months.

For those reasons, we believe the Senate language is far superior and the most fiscally and prudently responsible. Our economy cannot afford to lose out on \$3 billion. And we simply cannot support a budget that doesn't expand Medicaid.

Sincerely,

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